



Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. - 9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) An electronic camera, comprising:

a first main body section and a second main body section, said first and second main body sections each having upper and lower surfaces delimited by first and second edges, front and rear surfaces delimited by the first edges and third edges, and right and left surfaces delimited by the second and third edges, respectively, said first and second main ~~bodies~~ body sections having approximately the same size and being rotatably coupled to each other by respective right and left surfaces thereof;

an optical viewfinder object window disposed on said front surface of said first main body section;

a photographic lens aperture disposed on said front surface of said first main body section; and

a screen monitor disposed on said upper surface of said second main body section.

11. (Original) The electronic camera according to claim 10, wherein a relative axis of rotation of said first and second main body sections is located approximately at a central portion of said right and left surfaces.

12. (Original) The electronic camera according to claim 10, wherein:

said screen monitor is disposed near a corner section of said upper surface adjacent to said front surface and said first main body section; and

a finger rest is positioned on a corner section of said second main body section diametrically opposed to said screen monitor.

13. (Original) The electronic camera according to claim 10, wherein an ocular window of said optical viewfinder is disposed on the rear surface of said first main body section near the second main body section.

14. (Original) The electronic camera according to claim 10, further comprising a flash device and a range finder in said first main body section, wherein apertures of said flash device and of said range finder are located in the front surface of said first main body section.

15. (Original) The electronic camera according to claim 10, further comprising a flash device and a focus detection device provided in said first main body section, wherein apertures of said flash device and of said focus detection device are located in the front surface of said first main body section.

16. (Original) The electronic camera according to claim 10, further comprising a release button provided on said upper surface of said first main body section.

17. (Original) The electronic camera according to claim 10, wherein a length of said first edge of said first and second main body sections is between 40 and 80mm.

18. (Currently Amended) An electronic camera comprising:

- an imaging unit main body including a first face and a first side face which intersects said first face;
- a display unit main body including a second face, a second side face which is perpendicular to said second face, and an external display apparatus on said second face;
- said first side face rotatably coupled to said second side face so that said display unit main body and said imaging unit main body are rotatable relative to each other about an axis of rotation; and
- a lens unit mounted near the first side face and an optical viewfinder unit in the imaging unit main body, each having an optical axis parallel to the first side face, ~~and lined up in order from said first side face toward~~ the imaging unit main body having an

opposing side face that faces in an opposite direction than said first side face, the lens unit disposed closer to the first side face than is the optical viewfinder unit, the optical viewfinder unit disposed closer to the opposing side face than is the lens unit.

19. (Currently Amended) The electronic camera according to claim 18, further comprising an electronic flash unit arranged between said optical viewfinder unit and said opposing side face.

20. (Original) The electronic camera according to claim 18, further comprising a display window for displaying the status of the electronic camera, said display window arranged on said first face over said lens unit.

21. (Original) The electronic camera according to claim 18, further comprising a setting button for setting a control state of the electronic camera, said setting button arranged on said first face over said lens unit.

22. (Original) The electronic camera according to claim 18, further comprising:
a display window for displaying the status of the electronic camera; and
a setting button for setting a control state of the electronic camera;
wherein said display window and said setting button are arranged on said first face over said lens unit.

23. (Previously Presented) The electronic camera according to claim 22, further comprising:
an imaging button and a zoom button, both buttons disposed on said first face at positions closer to said opposing side face than said display window and said setting button.

24. (Original) The electronic camera according to claim 18, wherein said imaging unit main body and said display unit main body have substantially the same parallelepiped shape and size.

25. (Previously Presented) An electronic camera comprising:

an imaging unit main body including a first face and a first side face which intersects said first face;

a display unit main body including a second face, a second side face which is perpendicular to said second face, and an external display apparatus on said second face;

said first side face rotatably coupled to said second side face so that said display unit main body and said imaging unit main body are rotatable relative to each other about an axis of rotation; and

a rotary operation member on a portion of said second face of said display unit main body that is located adjacent to an opposing side face of said display unit main body that faces in an opposite direction than said second side face, said rotary operation member scrolling a display screen of said external display apparatus in a scrolling direction.

26. (Previously Presented) The electronic camera according to claim 25, wherein said rotary operation member is located on a side of the external display apparatus along a bisector of said display screen in the scrolling direction.

27. (Original) The electronic camera according to claim 25, wherein said imaging unit main body and said display unit main body have substantially the same parallelepiped shape and size.

28. (Original) The electronic camera according to claim 25, wherein said rotary operation member rotates in the scrolling direction.

29. (New) An electronic camera comprising:

an imaging unit main body including a first face and a first side face which intersects said first face;

a display unit main body including a second face, a second side face which is perpendicular to said second face, and an external display apparatus on said second face;

said first side face rotatably coupled to said second side face so that said display unit main body and said imaging unit main body are rotatable relative to each other about an axis of rotation; and

a lens unit mounted near the first side face and an electronic flash unit in the imaging unit main body, the imaging unit main body having an opposing side face that faces in an opposite direction than said first side face, the lens unit disposed closer to the first side face than is the electronic flash unit, the electronic flash unit disposed closer to the opposing side face than is the lens unit.